



# REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING – TRIBAL CAUCUS

Tuesday, April 29, 2014  
Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel & Spa  
170 Railroad Street | Santa Rosa, CA 95401



8:30 -9:00 AM	<b>Orientation for Tribes</b> - Cornelius Antone, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair Tohono O’odham Nation
9:00 – 9:05 AM	<b>Opening Prayer</b> -TBD
9:05 – 9:30 AM	<b>Welcome/ Opening Remarks</b>
9:30 – 10:30 AM	<b>Environmental Managers Action Item Report</b> – Cornelius Antone
10:30 – 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 – 11:30 AM	<b>IPM Presentation</b> - Western IPM Center
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH (on your own)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>Drought &amp; Climate Change</b> - Alvin Crook Assistant Manager, Alex Cabillo Manager, Hualapai Tribe
2:00 – 3:00 PM	<b>Grants.gov Concerns</b>
3:00 – 3:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
3:30 – 4:45 PM	<b>RTOC / National Workgroup Reports</b> – Workgroup Leads
4:45 – 5:00 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>

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SPRING MEETING – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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TIME	SESSION
8:30 – 10:00 AM	<b>California Issues Workgroup</b> <b>Tribal Lead: Sara Ryan, Big Valley</b> <b>Session Overview:</b>
10:00 – 11:00 AM	<b>Solid Waste Workgroup</b> <b>Tribal Lead: Rob Roy, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians</b> <b>EPA Lead: Jenny Stephenson, Tribal Solid Waste Team</b> <b>Session Overview:</b>
	<b>Tribal Water &amp; Wastewater System Operator Certification as an Alternative to State Operator Certification</b> <b>Tribal Lead: Intertribal Council of Arizona</b> <b>Session Overview:</b> Tribal drinking water and wastewater system operator certification, in lieu of state operator certification, is essential to Tribal self-determination and to the long-term sustainability of Tribal communities. Tremendous progress has been made in the Tribal Water & Wastewater Operator Certification Program at the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. This presentation will describe the program's progress, including the development and implementation of a brand-new professional certification—Tribal Utility Management Certification (TUMC). In addition, the presentation will describe two underlining problems that now need immediate attention by both the U.S. EPA and Tribes. (1) It is vital that Tribal representation be maintained at the national standardized operator certification exam development committees through participation by Tribal water and wastewater system operators / utility managers. (2) Under both the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act, significant inequality exists for funding of Tribal water & wastewater operator certification programs in comparison to state operator certification programs.
11:00 AM – 12:00 noon	<b>Consultation Workgroup</b> <b>Tribal Lead: Kathleen Sloan, Yurok Tribe</b> <b>EPA Lead: Gilbert Pasqua, Tribal Programs Office</b> <b>Session Overview:</b> Follow-up from first workgroup meeting of 2014. Come join the consultation workgroup discuss what's new, and on the horizon for 2014.
	<b>Drinking Water Set Aside Guidance Revision Workgroup</b> <b>Tribal Lead:</b> <b>EPA Lead: Linda Reeves, Drinking Water Office</b> <b>Session Overview:</b> Newly formed workgroup will be meeting to discuss revisions to the Drinking Water Set Aside Guidance.
12:00 noon – 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>
12:30 – 5:00 PM	<b>Tribal tour to Point Reyes and Kule Loco</b> Leave hotel by 12:30. It will take about 45 minutes to get out to Point Reyes. Box lunches – so people need to sign up ahead of time so we can order (a notice will be sent out before RTOC to begin signups) Transportation – Sherwood Valley and Graton have 15 passenger vans, Kashia and Scotts Valley have three sedans between them.



# REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING

**Thursday, May 1, 2014**

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8:30 -8:35 AM	<b>Opening Prayer</b>
8:35 – 9:00 AM	<b>Introductions/Roll Call</b> , RTOC Co-Chairs
9:00 – 9:25 AM	<b>EPA Opening Remarks</b> , Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA, Region 9
9:25 – 9:30 AM	<b>Issues Review from Winter RTOC</b>
9:30 – 10:30 AM	<b>Tribal Caucus Budget Request – FY15</b>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 -11:30 AM	<b>EPA Budget Presentation &amp; Discussion</b> , Jeff Scott, RTOC EPA Co-Chair
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM	<b>Achieving Water Efficiency through Graywater Systems and EPA's WaterSense Program</b> , Eric Byous, Water Division, Sustainable Infrastructure Program
12:15 – 1:15 PM	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>
1:15 – 3:15 PM	<b>Drought Panel – EPA, IHS, BIA, FEMA, USDA, BOR</b>
3:15 – 3:20 PM	<b>NTOC Report and Updates</b> , Alex Cabillo, (AZ) Stephen B. Etsitty (NN), Syndi Smallwood (CA), and Annette George (NV)
3:20 – 3:25 PM	<b>Tribal Caucus Report</b> , Cornelius Antone, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair
3:25 – 3:30 PM	<b>EPA Response to Tribal Caucus Report</b> , Jeff Scott, RTOC EPA Co-Chair
3:30 – 3:45 PM	<b>BREAK s</b>
3:45 – 4:15 PM	<b>Waters of the U.S. Update</b> , Jason Brush, Manager, Wetlands Office
4:15 – 4:20 PM	<b>2014 Conference Update</b> , Teri Red Owl, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
4:20 – 4:30 PM	<b>Review New Issues/Action Items</b> , Meeting Facilitator, EPA
4:30 - 4:45 PM	<b>Closing Comments</b> , RTOC Co-Chairs
4:45 – 5:00 PM	<b>Announce Next RTOC Meeting Location/ADJOURN</b>